

2002 Carol R. Sweeney, Biology
2003 Ana Spitzmesser, Modern and Classical Languages
2004 Rita Pollard, English
2005 Henrik Borgstrom, Modern and Classical Languages
2006 Carolyn Morell, Social Work
2007 Timothy Osberg, Psychology
2008 Suzanne Wagner, Computer and Information Sciences
2009 Timothy Ireland, Criminology and Criminal Justice
2010 Peter Butera, Psychology
2011 Donna Thompson, Psychology
2012 Mark Gallo, Biology
2013 Jamie Carr, English
2014 Paula Kot, English
2015 Alexander Bertland, Philosophy
2016 James A. McCutcheon, Modern and Classical Languages
2017 Robert Kane, History
2018 Shannon Risk, History
2019 Robyn Goacher, Chemistry

Former Deans of the College of Arts and Sciences

1923 – 1928 Rev. Edward J. Harrison, C.M.
1928 – 1930 Rev. Charles N. Faivre, C.M.
1930 – 1932 Rev. James L. Walsh, C.M.
1932 – 1946 Rev. Francis Meade, C.M., Ph.D.
1947 – 1954 Rev. Edward J. Kiernan, C.M., Ph.D.
1954 – 1957 Rev. Joseph A. McBride, C.M.
1957 – 1959 Rev. Jose C. Pando, C.M., Ph.D.
1959 – 1964 Rev. Joseph T. Cahill, C.M., M.A.
1964 – 1966 Rev. Robert J. Rivard, C.M., M.A.
1966 – 1967 Rev. P. Austin Derrig, C.M., Ph.D.
1967 – 1975 Thomas J. Lynch, Ph.D.
1975 – 1979 Rev. Cary J. Leonard, C.M., Ph.D.
1979 – 1986 Rev. Joseph L. Levesque, C.M., S.T.D.
1986 – 1987 Joseph J. Forrester III, M.S.
1987 – 1997 Susan E. Mason, Ph.D.
1997 – 2013 Nancy E. McGlen, Ph.D.
2013 – 2016 Timothy O. Ireland, Ph.D.
2017-Present Peter Butera, Ph.D.

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College of Arts and Sciences
42nd Annual Day of Recognition
Friday May 13, 2022



A Brief History of the College of Arts and Sciences

When the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels was founded in 1856 with the purpose of preparing young men for the priesthood, a selected number of students were also accepted for entrance into “the college.” In 1883, Our Lady of Angels Seminary was re-chartered as Niagara University and 40 years later “the college” became known as the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1908, the three-year program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree was extended to four years. College of Arts and Sciences degree programs continued to be added: Chemistry, Physics and Biology in the 1940s; English, Latin, History, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Sociology in the 1950s; Political Science in the early 1960s; Social Work, Criminal Justice and Communication Arts in 1973; Psychology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology in the late 1970s; Computing in 1980 and Theatre Studies in 1988. At present, the College of Arts and Sciences includes 25 academic departments, 35 major undergraduate courses of study with approximately 1100 students, two graduate degree programs, almost 90 full-time professors and more than 120 part-time faculty members. In 1981, Rev. Joseph Levesque, C.M., then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, initiated the Day of Recognition to honor the achievements of outstanding students and faculty. In 1988, Dr. Susan Mason expanded the faculty awards to include Excellence in Service and Excellence in Scholarship.

Welcome

Peter Butera, Ph. D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Invocation

Rev. Joseph G. Hubbert, C.M., Ph.D.
Professor, Department of Religious Studies

Land Acknowledgement

Abigail Levin, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Philosophy

Opening Remarks

Rev. James J. Maher, C.M.
President, Niagara University

2022 Departmental Awards

1993 Laurence R. Boxer, Computer and Information Sciences
1994 Theresa J. Zielinski, Chemistry
1995 Nancy E. McGlen, Political Science
1996 Peter C. Butera, Psychology
1997 Donna F. Thompson, Psychology
1998 Ana M. Spitzmesser, Modern/Classical Languages
1999 Meredith Reid Sarkees, Political Science
2000 William L. Boeck, Computer and Information Sciences
2001 James H. Wittebols, Communication Studies
2002 Carolyn M. Morell, Social Work
2003 Timothy Ireland, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2004 Philip Collington, English
2005 Eduard Tsekanovskii, Mathematics
2006 Matt Jackson-McCabe, Religious Studies
2007 Dan Pinti, English
2008 Brian Bennett, Religious Studies
2009 Christopher Stoj, Chemistry
2010 Ronny Priefer, Chemistry
2011 Susan Mason, Psychology
2012 Diana Falco, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2013 Thomas Chambers, History
2014 Doug Tewksbury, Communication Studies
2015 Robyn Goacher, Chemistry
2016 John A. Keller, Philosophy
2017 William Cliff, Biology
2018 Dana Radatz, Criminology/Criminal Justice
2019 Carrie Teresa, Communication Studies

Excellence in Service

1991 Sr. John Frances Gilman, Computer and Information Sciences
1992 Francis L. Higman, Mathematics
1993 Joseph J. Forrester III, Chemistry
1994 C. Bernard Sylvester, Philosophy
1995 Marilyn P. Fleckenstein, Philosophy
1996 C. Gerald Carpenter, History
1997 Sharon O. Watkinson, Theatre Studies
1998 Rev. Gregory L. Klein, O. Carm, Religious Studies
1999 Wendy L. Duignan, Mathematics
2000 Dorothy L. Gould, English
2001 Clementine Laverman, Social Work

2011 Christopher Stoj, Chemistry/Biochemistry
2012 Henrik Borgstrom, Modern and Classical Languages
2013 Kalen Churcher, Communication Studies
2014 Carol Winkler, Nursing
2015 Clementine Laverman, Social Work
2016 Mark A. Gallo, Biology
2017 Carrie Teresa, Communication Studies
2018 Todd Schoefplin, Sociology
2019 Cassandra Marnocha, Biology

Excellence in Teaching, Part-Time

1993 Rose-Ann Martin, Writing
1994 Rev. Werner Weinrich, Religious Studies
1996 Patricia Yannello, Theatre Studies
1997 Lynette Miller, Communication Studies
1998 Ann Rensel, Computer and Information Sciences
1999, 2004 Leslie Nesbitt, Biology
2000 Nancy Knechtel, Fine Arts
2001 William Nelson-Loefke, History
2002 Joanne Basta, Mathematics/Psychology
2003 Margaret Rizzo, Social Work
2005 Ann Rensel, Computer and Information Sciences
2006 Todd Bindig, Philosophy
2007 Coleen Edwards, Biology
2008 Darren MacDougall, Religious Studies
2009 Daniel Kaczmarek, English
2010 Mary Altair, Sociology
2011 Yoshiko Connolly, Modern and Classical Languages
2012 Kamilla Deavers, Chemistry
2013 Nanette Harmon, American Sign Language
2014 Kristen Burger, History
2015 Larry Passanese, Biology
2016 Mary Louise Georgevich, Nursing
2017 David Schoen, Director of Libraries
2018 Janice Colestro, Nursing
2019 Robert Poltis, Physics/Chemistry

Excellence in Scholarship

1991 Robert S. Greene, Biology
1992 Sister Louise Sullivan, Modern and Classical Languages

Art History with Museum Studies

Marian Granfield, Director

Outstanding Academic Achievement in Art History with Museum Studies

Stephanie Chandler, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Danielle E. Wayda, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Armand and Eleanor Castellani Award for Excellence in the Field

Stephanie Chandler, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dr. Gerald C. Mead, Jr. Endowed Scholarship in Art History with Museum Studies

Danielle E. Wayda, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics

Dr. Christopher Stoj, Chair

Outstanding Research Student

John C. Pinti, Clarence, N.Y.

Top Biochemistry Student

Chloe L. Schrier, Leroy, N.Y.

Top Chemistry Student

John Wright, Youngstown, N.Y.

Biology and Environmental Sciences

Dr. William Cliff

Outstanding Achievement in Biology

Emily Lynn Cottrell, Lockport, N.Y.
Brendan John DeCoff, Lockport, N.Y.
Madison R. Heburn, Amherst, N.Y.
Madeleine R. Kates, Williamsville, N.Y.
Grace Elizabeth Kibler, Attica, N.Y.
Evan S. Lord, Lewiston, N.Y.
Kathryn A. Marohn, Tonawanda, N.Y.
Olivia Kathryn Mason, Kennett Square, Pa.
Lauren Emily McGrath, Lewiston, N.Y.
Maria Mudassir, St. Catherines, Ont.
Leah Catherine Mumm, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Alessia Celeste Quenneville, Kingsville, Ont.

Timothy B. Skinner, Brocton, N.Y.

Jacob Scott Stablewski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Ryan R. Sutherland, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Rachel M. Wager, Rochester, N.Y.

Sarah B. Weiby, Gilroy, Calif.

Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Sciences

Tanner Wayne Holthouse, Lockport, N.Y.

Noah Richard Kaczmarek, Depew, N.Y.

Communication and Media Studies

Dr. Carrie Teresa, Chair

Outstanding Academic Achievement

William John Briggs, Lockport, N.Y.

Nathaniel E. Johnson, Ransomville, N.Y.

Alexandria Christine Marston, Depew, N.Y.

Melanie Anne Morgan, Ransomville, N.Y.

Chelsea Thornton, Buffalo, N.Y.

Brian Murphy Memorial Award

To Be Announced

Computer and Information Sciences

Dr. Yonghong Tong

The Dr. William and Barbara Boeck Award for an Outstanding Student in Computer and Information Sciences

Spencer Vadnais, Amherst, N.Y.

The Computer Task Group, Inc. Award for Excellence in Computer and Information Sciences

Michelle Messenger, Pittsford, N.Y.

Dylan Lucas Okun, Buffalo, N.Y.

College of Arts and Sciences Honors in Computer and Information Sciences Award

Jacob R. Arends, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Mark A. Cole, Buffalo, N.Y.

Shelby Rebekah McNulty, Simpsonville, S.C.

Randi Elizabeth Sykes, Lockport, N.Y.

Rylee Watson, Kenmore, N.Y.

Tim Ward Players' Award for Excellence in Theatre

To Be Announced

Women's Studies

Dr. Hope L. Russell

Women's Studies Program Student Achievement Award

Emma McCorry, Amherst, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Full-Time

Presented by: Dr. Peter Butera

Closing Remarks

Please join us for light refreshments in the lower level of the
Gallagher Center immediately following the ceremony.

Previous Faculty Award Recipients Excellence in Teaching, Full-Time

1992, 2001 William J. Martin, English

1993 Louis P. LaBarber, Social Work

1994 Timothy M. Osberg, Psychology

1995 Ana M. Spitzmesser, Modern Languages

1996 Michael A. Kotarski, Biology

1997 Rita H. Pollard, English

1998 Mark A. Gallo, Biology

1999 John B. Stranges, History

2000, 2010 Timothy O. Ireland, Criminology/Criminal Justice

2003 Josef G. Krause, Chemistry

2004 Talia Harmon, Criminology/Criminal Justice

2005 Patrick Tully, Philosophy

2006 Ron Priefer, Chemistry

2007 Kevin Blair, Social Work

2008 Todd Schoefplin, Sociology

2009 Jamie Pimlott, Political Science

Highest Honors in Psychology

Grace Elizabeth Kibler, Attica, N.Y.

Dr. Patricia Ebert Memorial Award

To Be Announced

Religious Studies

Dr. Amelia Gallagher, Chair

Blessed Frederic Ozanam Award

To Be Announced

Social Work

Dr. Rolanda Ward

Community Service

Victoria Rose Egleston, East Amherst, N.Y.

Leah Joy Manth, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Academic Achievement

Danielle Monique Campbell, St. Catharines, Ont.

Kaila Christine Lavett, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Emma McCorry, Amherst, N.Y.

Sociology

Dr. Kenneth Culton, Chair

Outstanding Sociology Student

Rachel C. Pinti, Clarence, N.Y.

The Sociological Imagination Award

Zachary Federico, Warners, N.Y.

Theatre and Fine Arts

Terri Filips Vaughan, Chair

Outstanding Theatre Student Award

Katrina Joy Copeland, Youngstown, N.Y.

Spencer John Dick, Lockport, N.Y.

Alyssa Marie Garmone, Depew, N.Y.

Morgan Jean Hilliker, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Tricia Laurice Buenaventura Lazatin, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Service

Presented by: Dr. Shannon Risk

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Dr. Talia Harmon, Chair

Academic Achievement Award

Stacy Lynn Bielec, Hamburg, N.Y.

Sara M. Blankenburg, Clarence, N.Y.

Allison N. McCormick, Southington, Conn.

Clara Kroetsch Award

Allison N. McCormick, Southington, Conn.

Excellence in Undergraduate Research

Gabriel Bud Persch, Fredonia, N.Y.

Outstanding Service Award

Stacy Lynn Bielec, Hamburg, N.Y.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for a Transfer Student

Alekzandr Gregory Waugaman, Lewiston, N.Y.

English

Dr. Jamie Carr, Chair

Devine Award for Academic Excellence in English

Abigail Anne Sapecky, Burt, N.Y.

Ethics in Medicine and Healthcare Program

Dr. James Delaney, Director

To Be Announced

Gerontology

Dr. Susan Mason, Director

Gerontology Achievement Award for Service

Morgan Jean Hilliker, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Gerontology Achievement Award for Leadership

Dayna N. Starks, Webster, N.Y.

History

Dr. Shannon Risk, Chair

Richard J. Danilowicz Award

Jacob R. Arends, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Frank Mogavero Award

Noah Richard Kaczmarek, Depew, N.Y.

Donald F. Peters Award

Eric James Weinholtz, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Rev. Thomas P. McGourty Award

Nakeea D. Griggs, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Sarah Jean Winter, Youngstown, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship

Presented by: Dr. Dana Radatz

Mathematics

Dr. Michael Barg, Chair

Excellence in Mathematics

Kathryn A. Courtney, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

Michelle Messenger, Pittsford, N.Y.

Shayna Rae Myshrall, Syracuse, N.Y.

Kiley Elizabeth Weber, Williamsville, N.Y.

Dr. George B. Banks Memorial Award for Excellence in Mathematics

Shayna Rae Myshrall, Syracuse, N.Y.

Modern and Classical Languages

Dr. James McCutcheon, Chair

Excellence in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies

Emilee Paige Dauphinee, Rochester, N.Y.

Father O'Keefe Medal for Excellence in French

Mary M. Eggert, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Philosophy

Dr. Abigail Levin, Chair

The James Fleckenstein Award for Promoting the Philosophical Life

Iyanna Coleman, Buffalo, N.Y.

Desmond John McGoey, Ridgefield, Conn.

The Bernard Sylvester Award for Academic Excellence in Philosophy

Sarah Marie Snodgrass, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Political Science and International Studies

Dr. Jamie Pimlott

Outstanding Student in Pre-Law Program

Isabella Patrice Aiu, Medina, Ohio

Excellence in International Studies

Luke Joseph Donner, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Outstanding Student in Political Science

Maren Joelle Geiger, Amherst, N.Y.

Sertoma Award

Adam Paul Kiedrowski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.

John J. LaFalce Award for Civic Engagement

Raven Nelson, Buffalo, N.Y.

Justice Award

Francesca Reyes Campusano, Bronx, N.Y.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Part-Time

Presented by: Dr. Todd Schoepflin

Psychology

Dr. Burt Thompson, Chair

Honors in Psychology

Abigail Grace Cerasani, Akron, N.Y.

Logan Helen Fisher, Syracuse, N.Y.

Madeleine R. Kates, Williamsville, N.Y.

Dayna N. Starks, Webster, N.Y.